24th February 1930]

Excise

Prohibition of toddy sales on Sundays and festival days.

* 1474 *Q.*—Mr. S. VENKIAH : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any steps have been taken for prohibiting the sale of toddy and arrack and other intoxicating drugs on Sundays and all festival days ;

(*b*) if so, in what stage the question now is ;

(*c*) whether any instructions were sent to the Central Propaganda Board as well as all District Committees ; and

(*d*) if so, in what form ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A copy of the proceedings of the Commissioner of Excise, R. No. 2887-Abk., dated 2nd December 1929, on the subject is appended [a].

(*c*) & (*d*) The Commissioner's proceedings have been communicated to the Central Propaganda Board and the District Propaganda Committees.

Medical

Prevalence of "Kala azar" in Kayalpatnam.

* 1475 *Q.*—AHMED MIRAN SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that "Kala azar" is working havoc amongst the people of Kayalpatnam, and whether any and if so, what steps have been taken by the Government or the taluk board to combat the said disease and with what results ; and

(*b*) whether any investigation was made as to the prevalence and nature of the disease by the Government ?

A.—(*a*) The total number of Kala azar cases treated in the Kayalpatnam dispensary in each of the last five years ending with 1928 was as shown below :—

Year.	Number of cases.
1924	236
1925	298
1926	254
1927	157
1928	411

A copy of the letter [b] of the District Health Officer, Tinnevelly, suggesting remedial measures is also laid on the table. The Tuticorin Taluk Board with the help of a contribution from Kayalpatnam Union Board has appointed a lady sub-assistant surgeon in the above dispensary. The Union Board has not taken any steps to carry out the other measures suggested by the District Health Officer.

(*b*) Yes, in 1924. The remedial measures proposed by the District Health Officer were based on the result of the investigation.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 149–150 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix VIII on page 151 infra.